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OFFICE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Bob,

I have considered your note of 13 March with regard to the suggestion that I write a note to General Gehlen thanking him for the assistance he and his associates provided to ONI during my tenure as DNI.

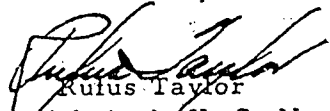
I don't feel it would be appropriate for me to do this in my present position, or, if I did, that it would be appropriate to send it through you. To do the latter would run considerable risk of creating some misunderstanding on the part of the BND as to the relation of your position in the Intelligence Community.

As to the substance of the matter, I am really quite unaware of any great assistance rendered by General Gehlen or his organization to ONI during my time there either as DNI or in any other capacity. As a matter of fact, it was my impression that what we were trying to do was develop a direct intelligence liaison with the German Navy and that this entailed some degree of delicacy because of BND controls over German naval intelligence.

In view of all these considerations I am not planning to take any personal notice of General Gehlen's departure.

With warmest personal regards,
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Sincerely,


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